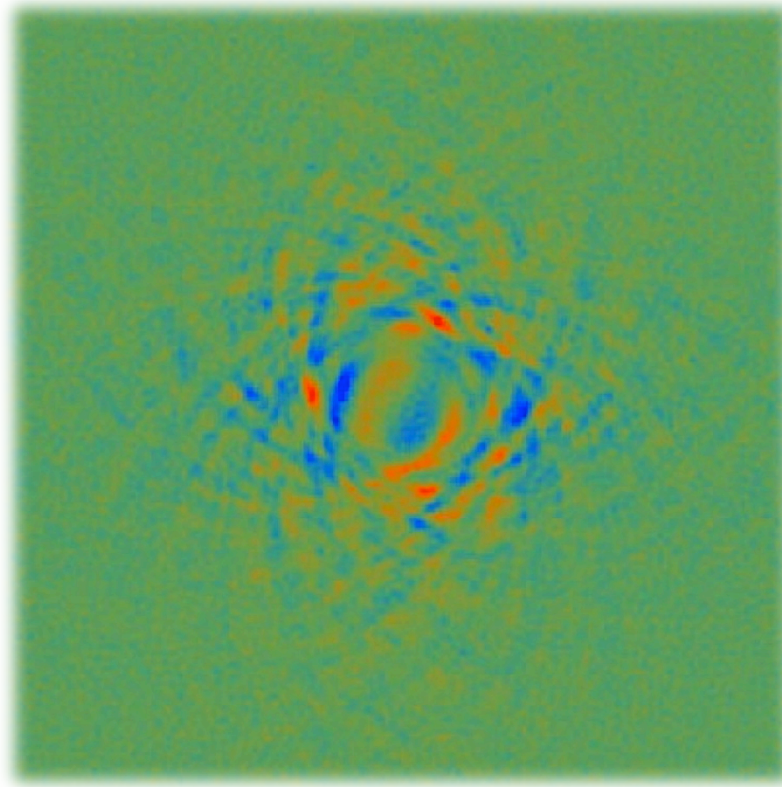


# Physics with Future CMB Surveys



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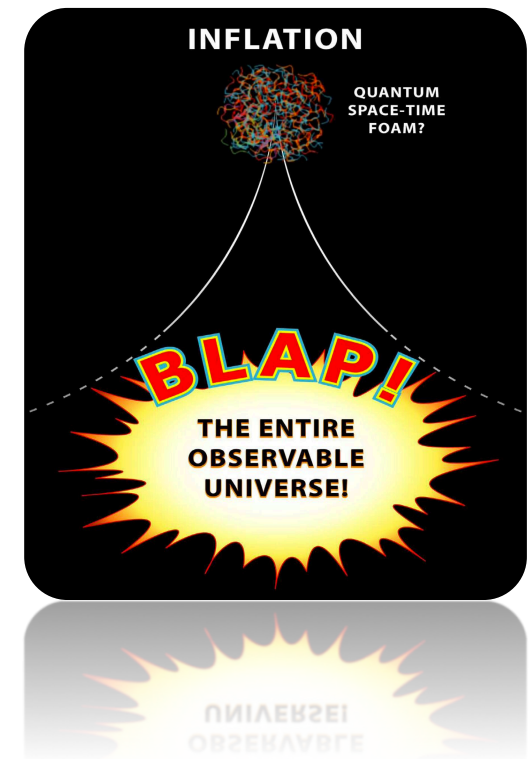
# The Physics of Inflation from the CMB

- Inflation: initial phase of accelerated expansion with shrinking horizon – explains flatness + fluctuations
- Well tested for density fluctuations
- Many models of inflation produce inflationary gravitational waves. Strength: parameterized by tensor/scalar ratio  $r$



# The Physics of Inflation from the CMB

- Detection: confirm inflation paradigm; strength tells us the *energy scale*
- Even improved upper limits on  $r$  very interesting. Target: ruling out  $r > 0.001$  will exclude large field models
- Best way to detect inflationary GWs: CMB. Not T or E-polarization, but characteristic CMB B-polarization

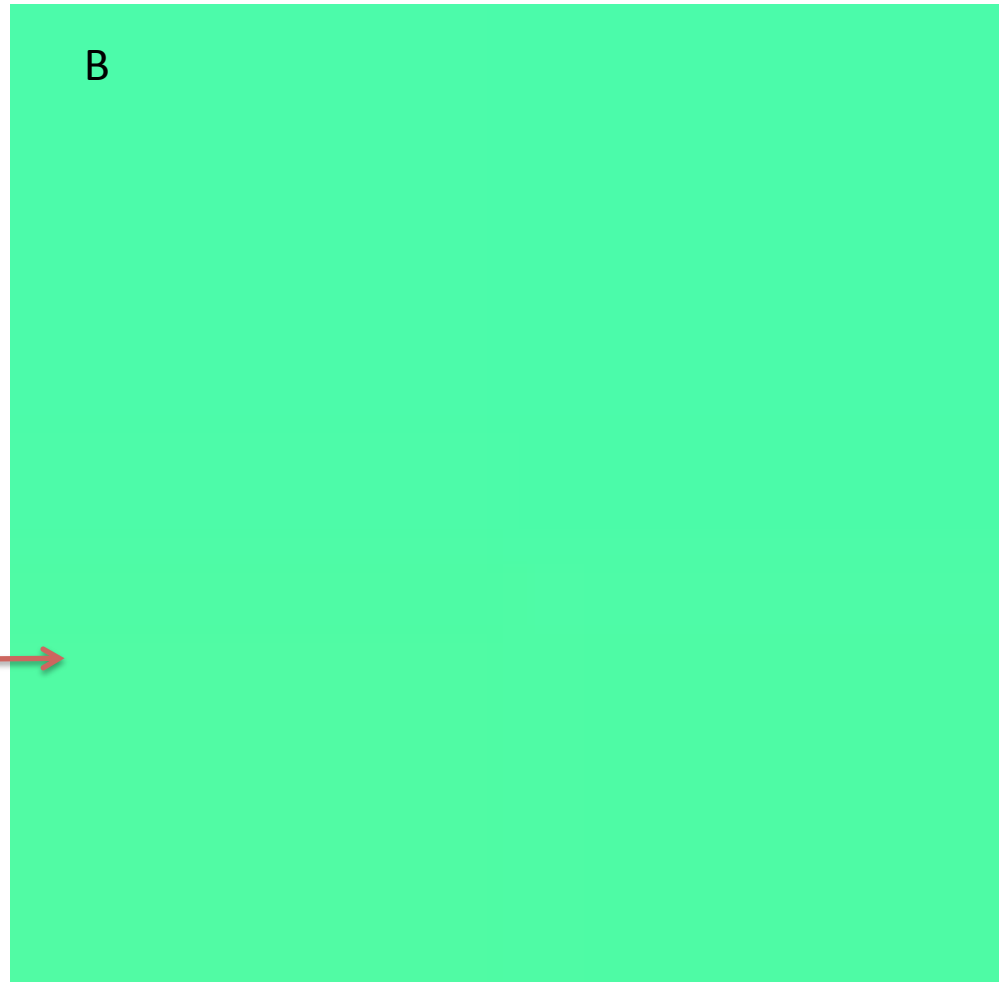
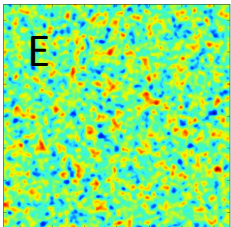




# CMB B polarization\* with $r = 0$

B-mode polarization:  
no leading order  
signal from  
scalar  
density  
perturbations!

B-modes are  
a “null  
channel” →

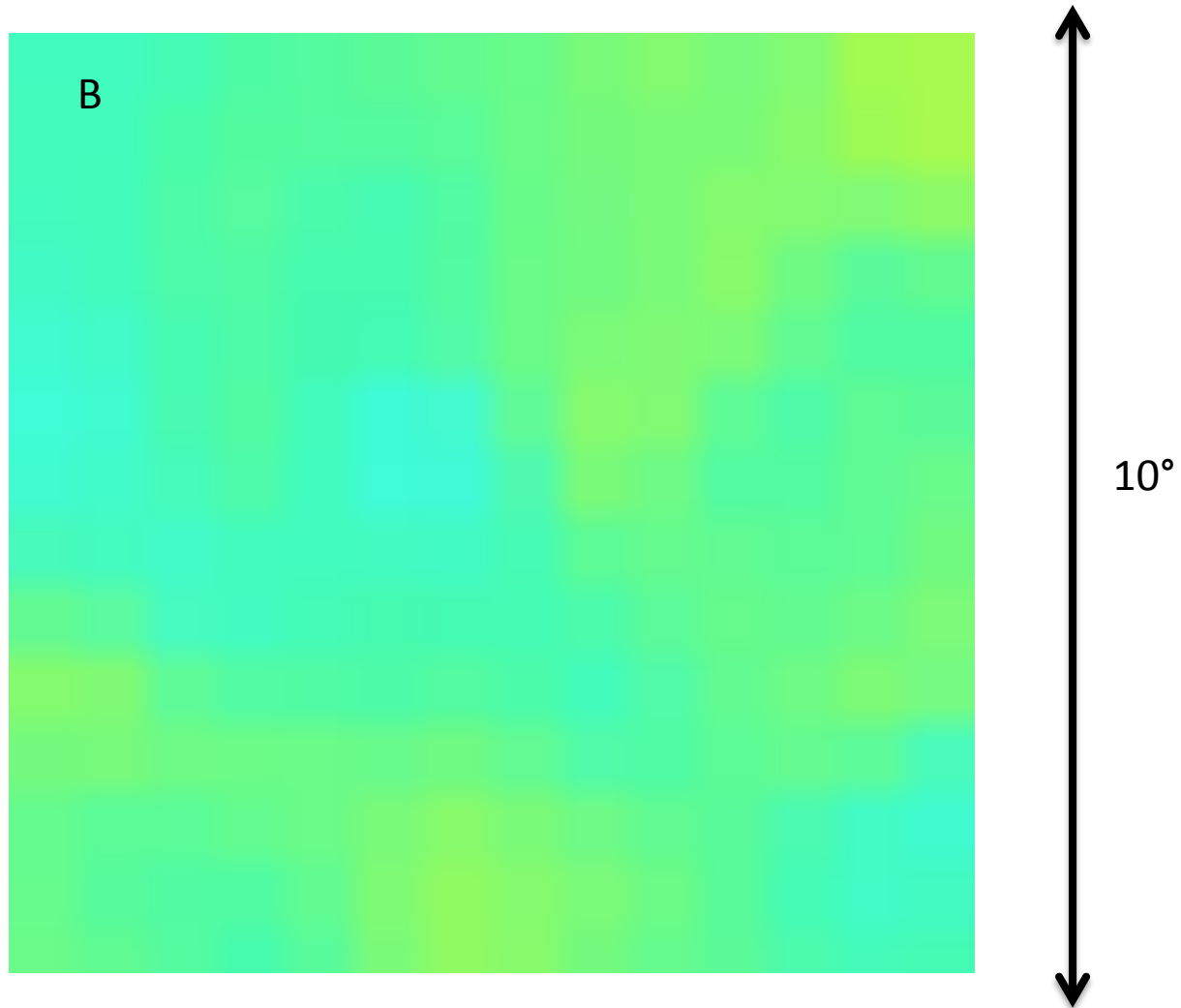
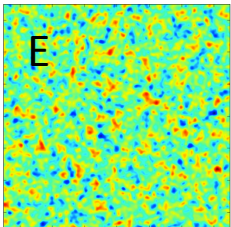


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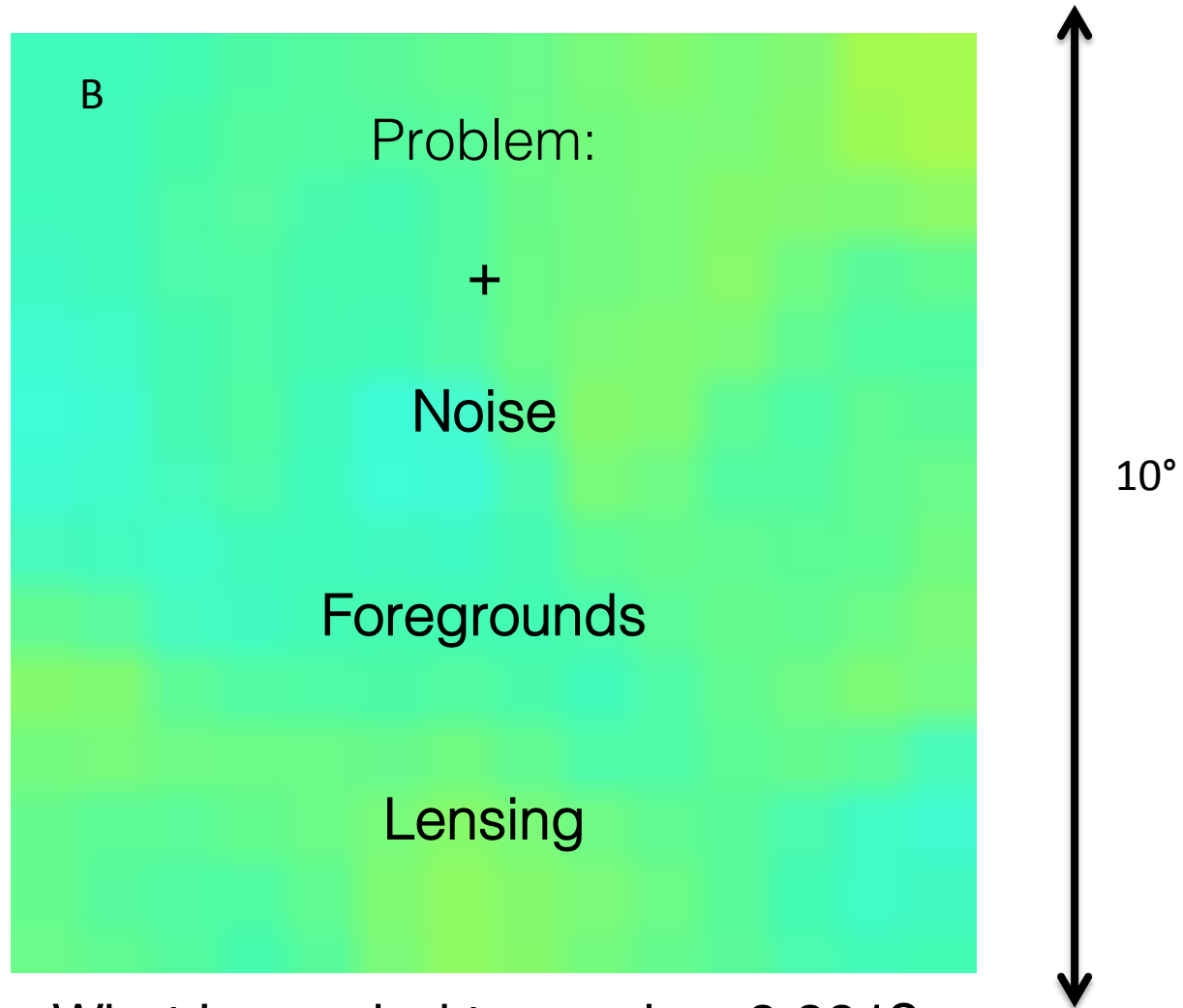
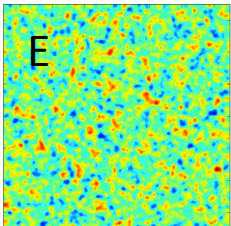
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Limits:  $\sigma(r) < 0.1$



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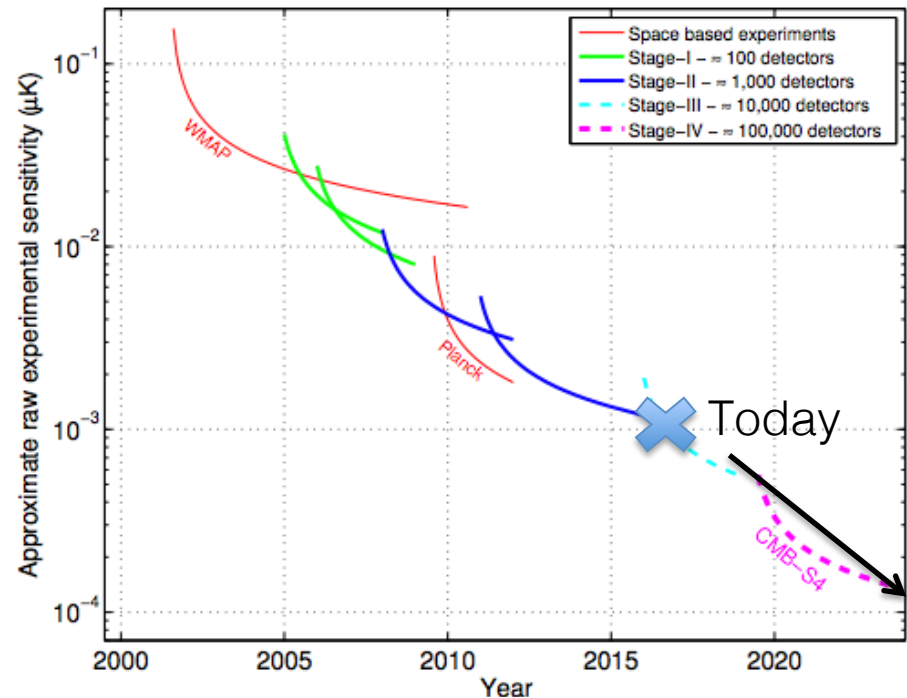
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What is needed to reach  $r \sim 0.001$ ?  
(2 orders of magnitude improvement)

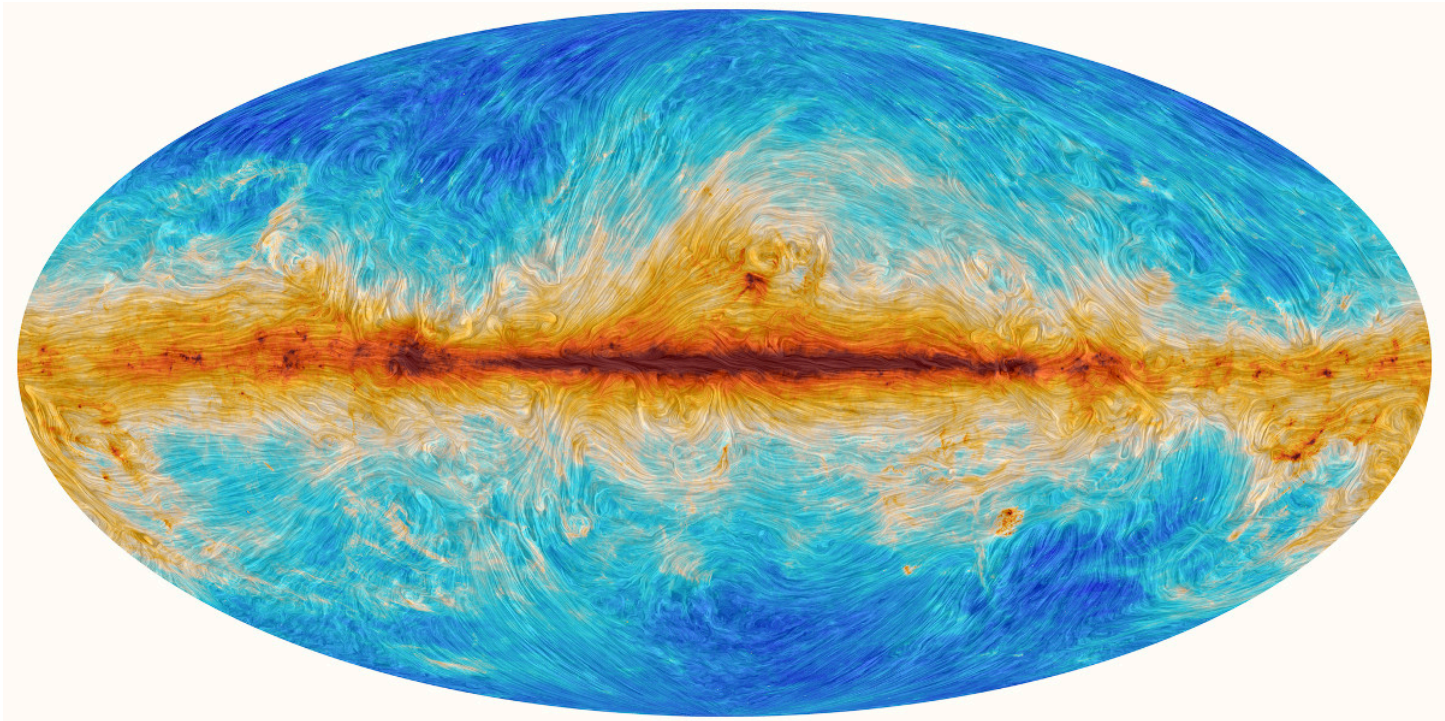
# Noise and Systematics

- Signal is extremely small ( $< 100 \times T$ )
- Requirement: Need extremely low polarization noise level ( $\sim 0.5 \mu\text{K}$ ,  $f_{\text{sky}} \sim 0.04$ )
- Low levels of systematics from beam / leakage, readout...



# Foregrounds

- Galactic emission also sources B-mode polarization
- **Requirement: multifrequency data ( $\sim 8$ +freqs.)** to remove.
- How complex are foregrounds? (Decorrelation, AME, variation...?)

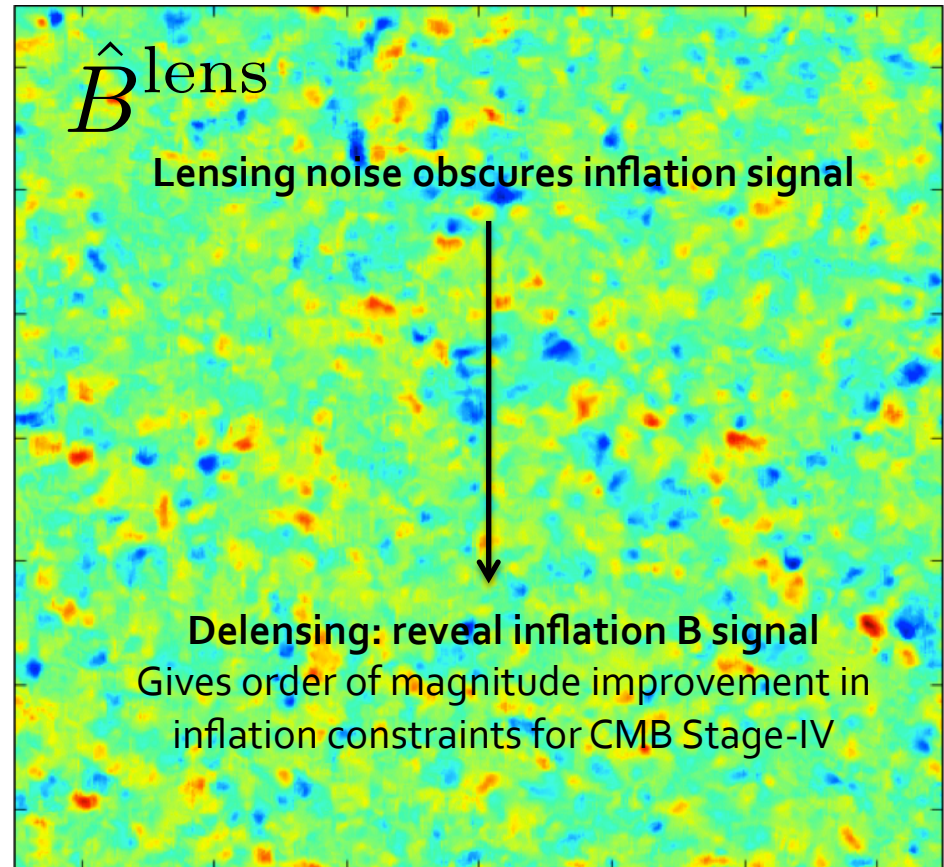


Planck polarized dust map



# CMB Lensing Noise

- Grav. lensing of CMB also makes B; lensing noise limits measurements. How to reduce?
- Delensing: measure lensing (see later), deduce  $B^{\text{lens}}$ , and subtract
- **Requirement: high-resolution, low noise ( $<4'$ ,  $\sim 1\mu\text{K}$ ), good delensing algorithms!**



N.B. Recently, first demonstration in data! [Larsen/Challinor/Sherwin+2016, Sherwin/Schmittfull 2015]

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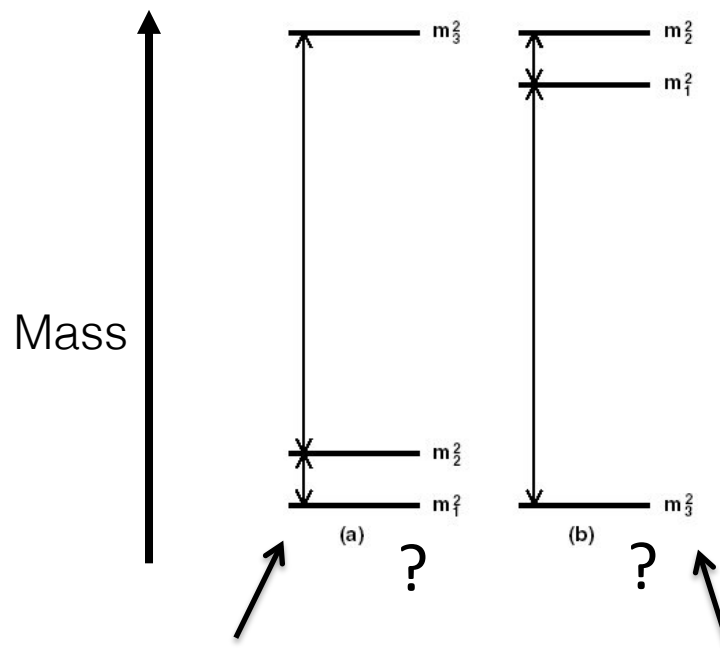
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# Neutrino Masses

- We know mass differences, but don't know the mass scale, or even which neutrino is heaviest (i.e. the mass ordering)
- measuring the **sum** of masses  $\sum m_\nu$  will give lots of insight (ultimate goal: mechanism that gives neutrinos mass)



Mass sum:

$>60 \text{ meV}$

$>100 \text{ meV}$



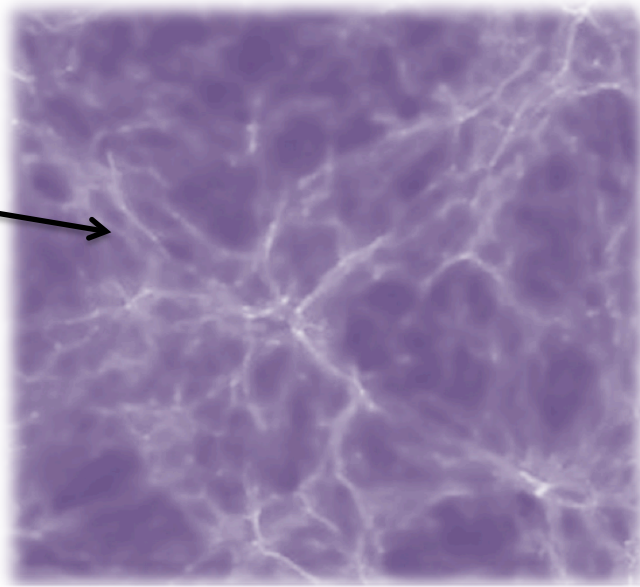
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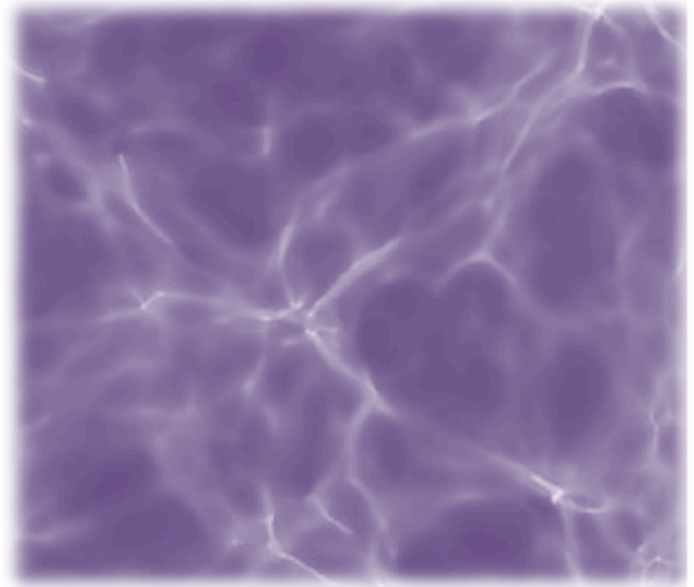
Cosmic  
mass  
distribution



Image:  
Viel++  
2013



Neutrino Mass Negligible

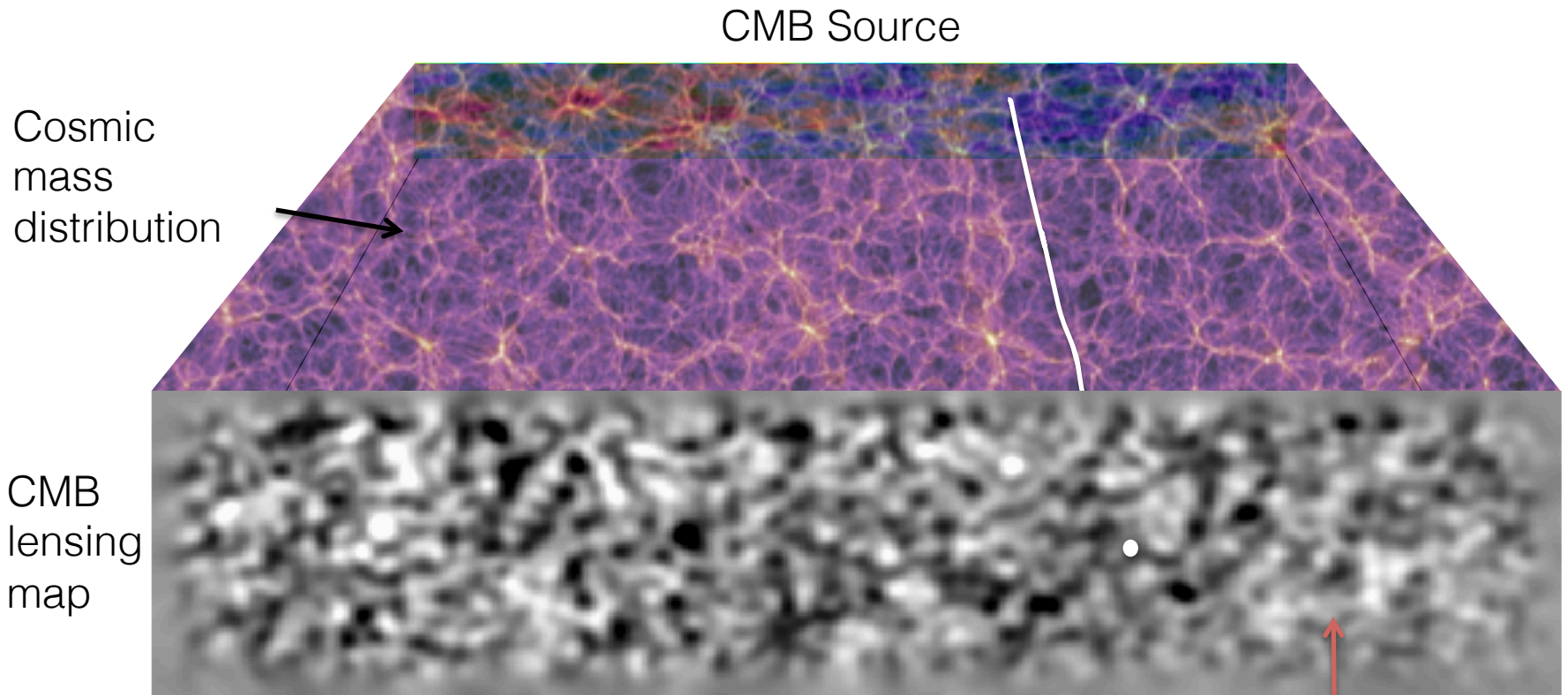


Neutrino Mass Large (qualitative)

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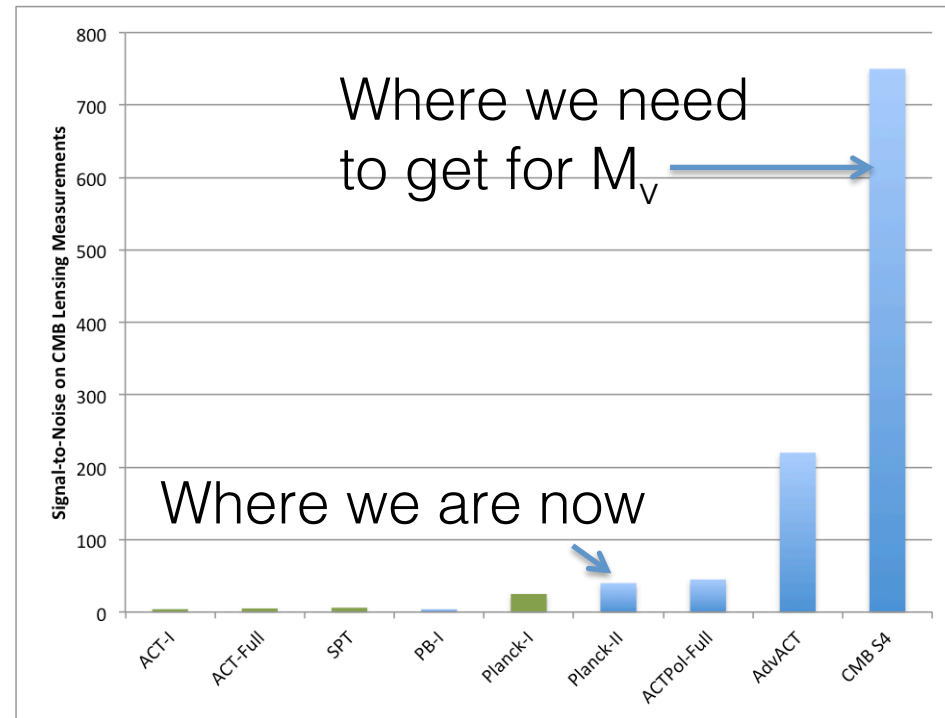
[Sherwin++ in prep.]

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# Challenges and Requirements: Lensing and Neutrino Mass

- Target  $\sim 60$  meV or  $\sigma(\sum m_\nu) \sim 15$  meV
- **Requirements: large area, high resolution, low-noise** (fsky $\sim 0.2$ ,  $\sim <uK', <4'$ ) polarized CMB data for lensing (also useful for DE)
- Significant challenges in lensing data analysis and theory! But achievable (problem: tau?)

Signal-to-noise on lensing



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- Energy density parameterized via **number of effective neutrino species**  $N_{\text{eff}}$ . Measure via CMB
  - Measure this with Planck:  $N_{\text{eff}} = 3.04 \pm 0.18$
  - So what? We have Z-decay measurements.

# $N_{\text{eff}}$ from Cosmology: A Universal Probe for Light Relics

- Not just sensitive to particles with the SM couplings of neutrinos
- Gravity sees everything: cosmology probes all that is neutrino like (radiation, free-streaming)

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- Can hunt for **any** new light (relativistic, weakly coupled) particles!

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- Annihilating particles dump energy into photons not particle.  $\Delta N_{\text{eff}}$  goes DOWN for every phase transition after freeze out.

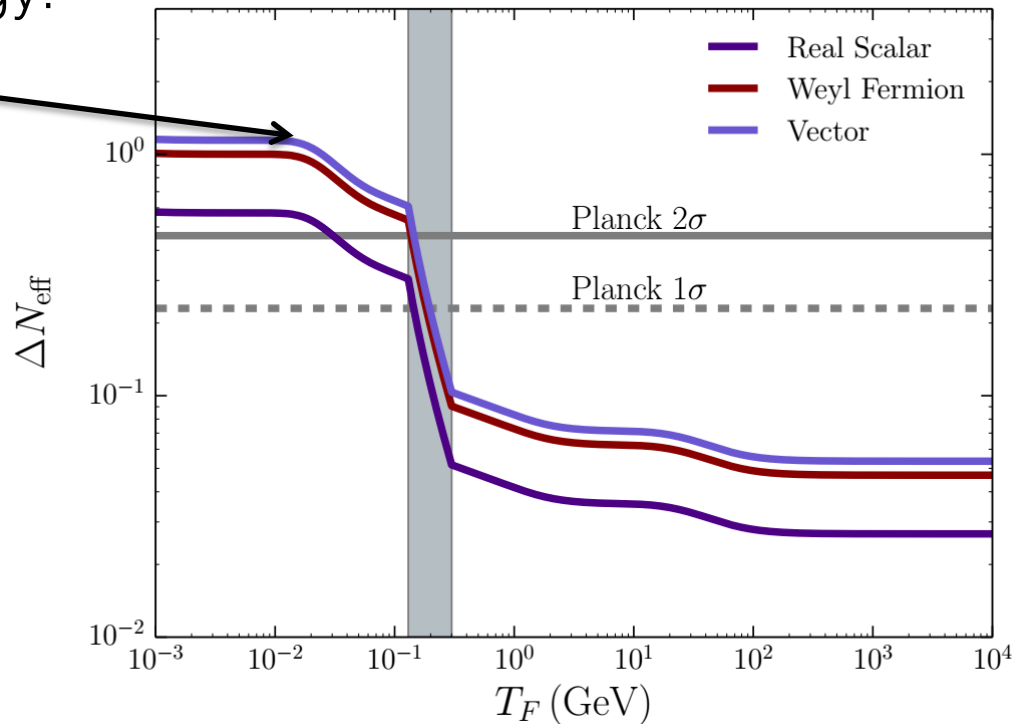
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Impact on energy gets diluted

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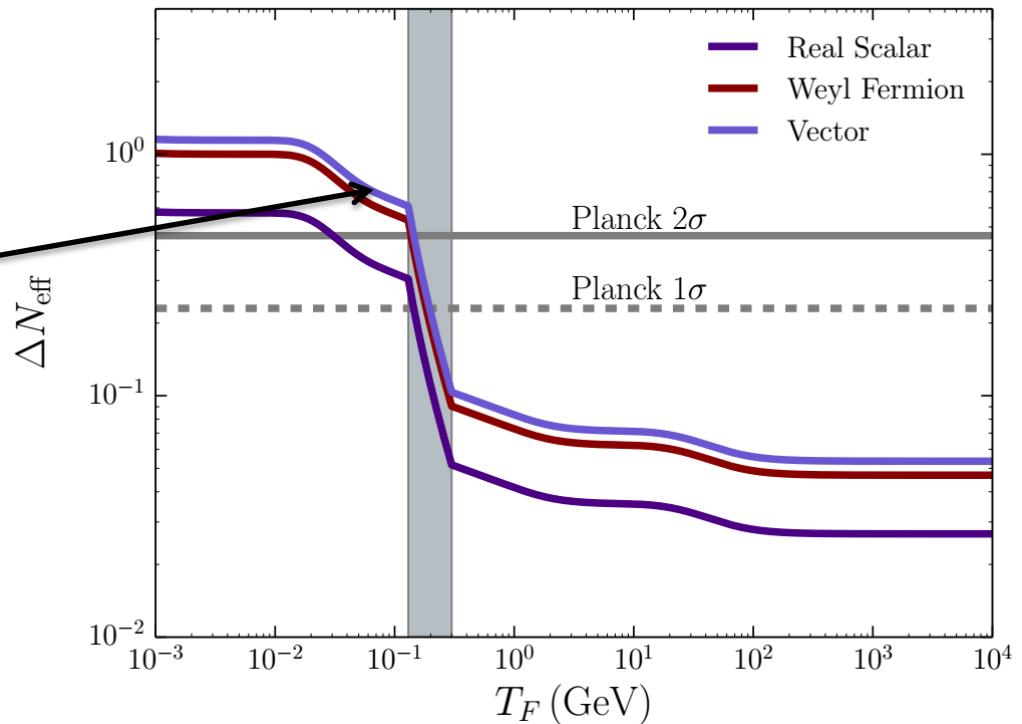
- Freeze out late / low energy:

$$\Delta N_{\text{eff}} \sim 1$$



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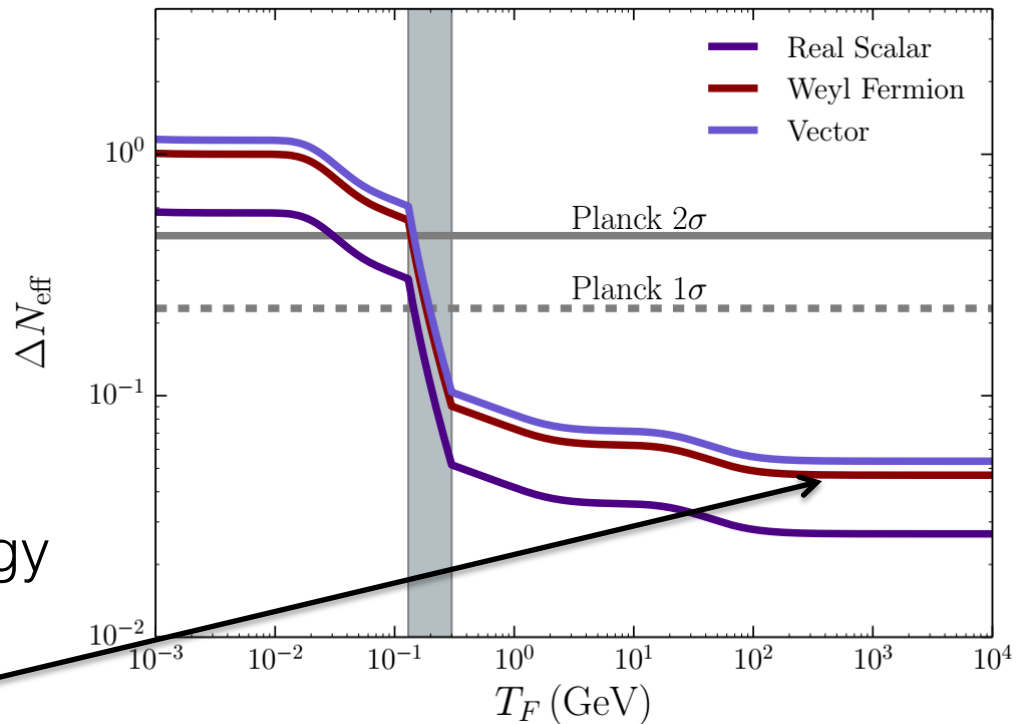
- Here, some muons (e.g.) will annihilate after freeze out:  $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} \sim 0.5$



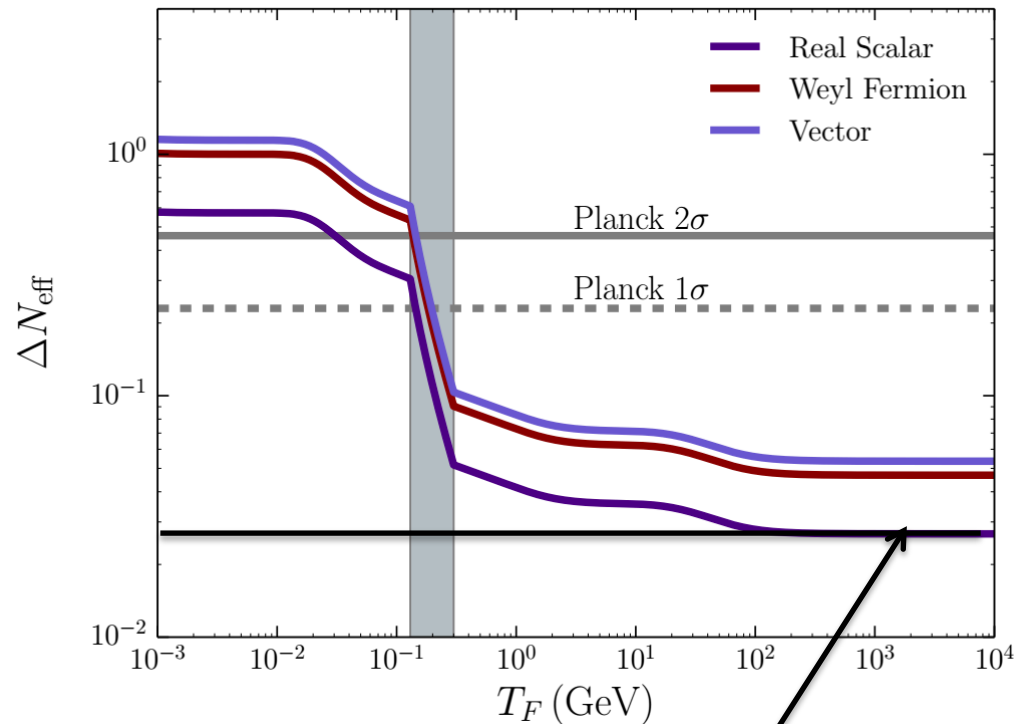
[Baumann++ 2015]

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- At high freeze-out temperature, the particle misses out on lots of energy from the QCD phase transition, so  $\Delta N_{\text{eff}}$  is very small.



# $N_{\text{eff}}$ : What is the Target?

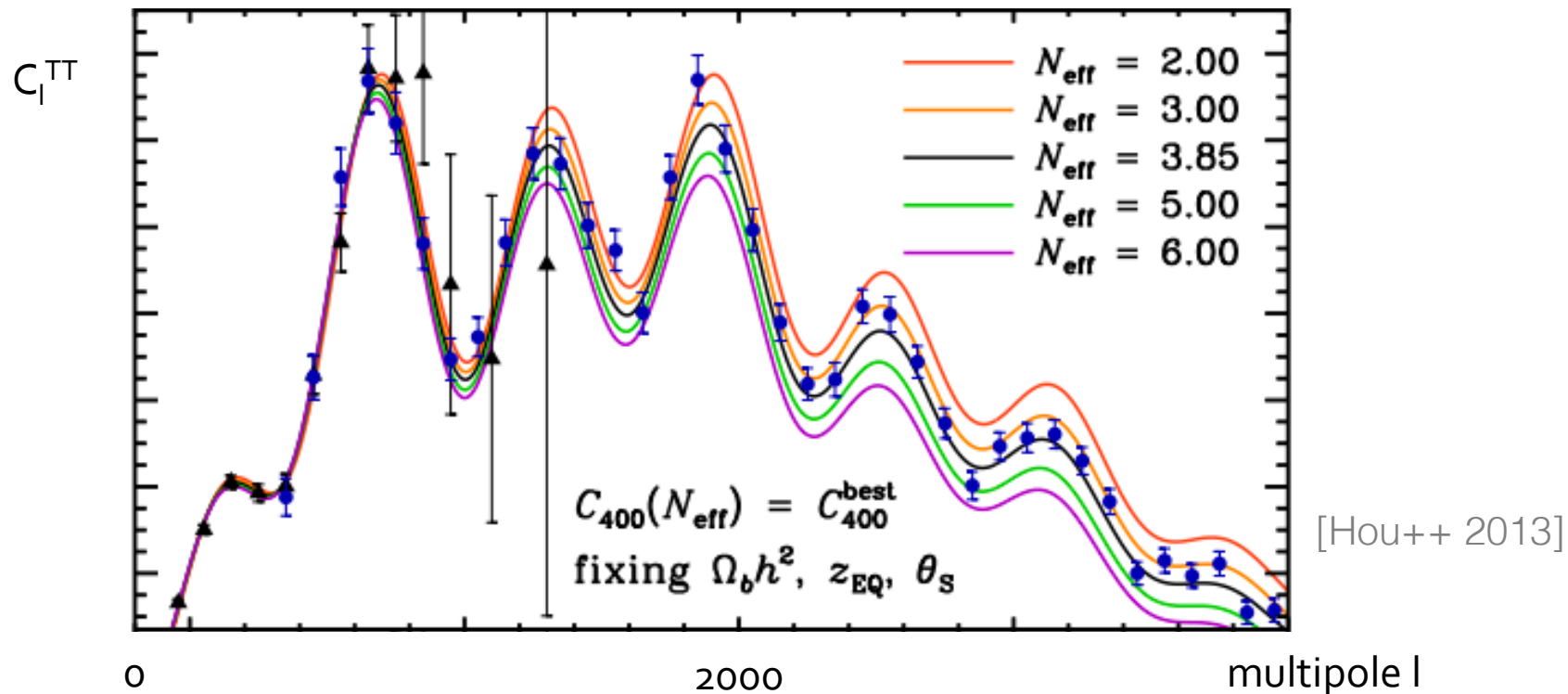


- If we can measure this: **target sensitivity**, can see any new light particle that was ever in equilibrium (out to reheating temp.!) →

Real Scalar:	$\Delta N_{\text{eff}} = 0.027$
Weyl Fermion:	$\Delta N_{\text{eff}} = 0.047$
Vector boson:	$\Delta N_{\text{eff}} = 0.054$

# Probing $N_{\text{eff}}$ in the CMB Power Spectra

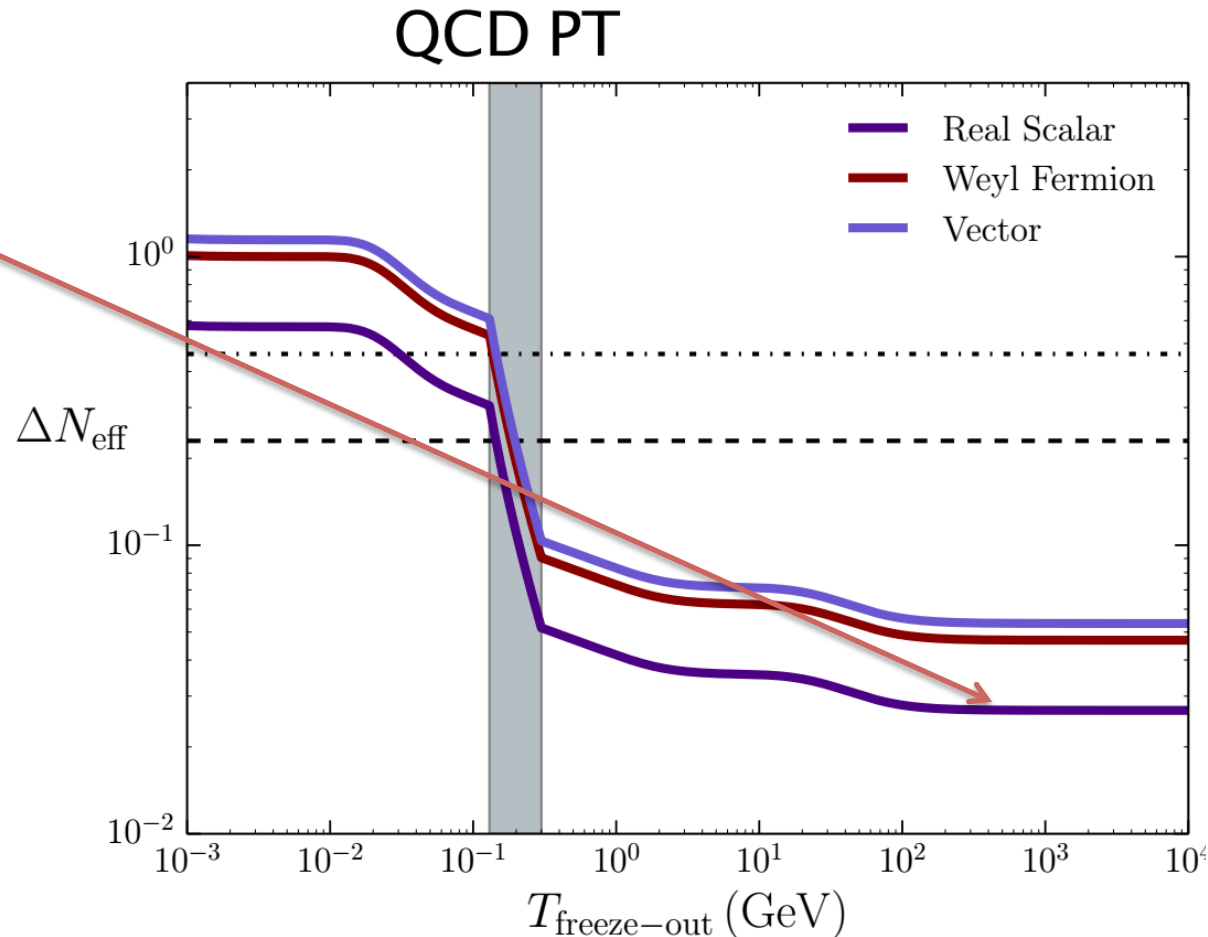
- Change in early expansion rate > change in diffusion time > small change in damping seen in CMB power spectrum.



- Also: small shift in phases (free-streaming). **Delensing helps!**

# Challenges / Requirements: High Precision Small-scale CMB Spectra

- Requirement to hit targets: Very low noise ( $\sim \mu\text{K}'$ ) and large sky areas ( $f_{\text{sky}} \sim 1$ )
- Good beam systematics control
- Or lower noise: 2 sigma, room for improvement



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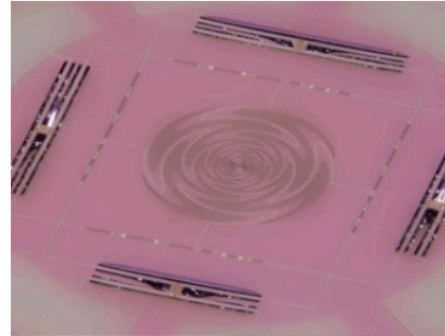
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# CMB Stage IV

## Requirements and Challenges

- CMB-S4 is the next generation CMB survey.  
Requirements:
  - low noise ( $\sim 1\mu\text{K}'$ )  
>500000 bolometers
  - 5+ frequencies  
>multichroic pixels
  - high resolution ( $<4'$ )  
>3+ meter telescope
- Main challenges: scale / systematics tolerance / ultra high precision data analysis

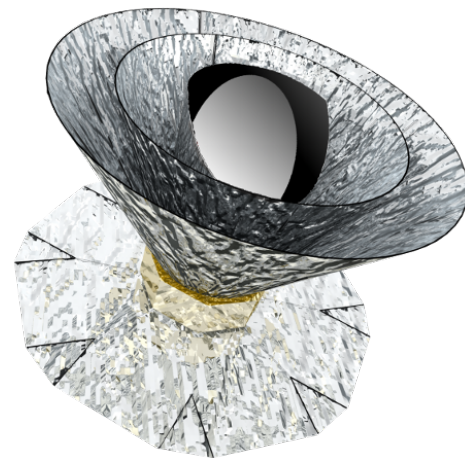


## Beyond CMB-S4

- $r / M_\nu$ : need more frequency channels
  - Space mission (Litebird / PIXIE/Core...)
- $N_{\text{eff}}$ : need lower noise over more area
  - “CMB-S5” to reach 5 sigma on minimal targets
- Spectral distortions for  $P(k)$ , lines...:
  - Ultra sensitive spectrometer in space (PIXIE / PRISM-like...)



LiteBIRD (~2025-)



PRISM

# Overheard: cosmology talk, ca. 2013-2014

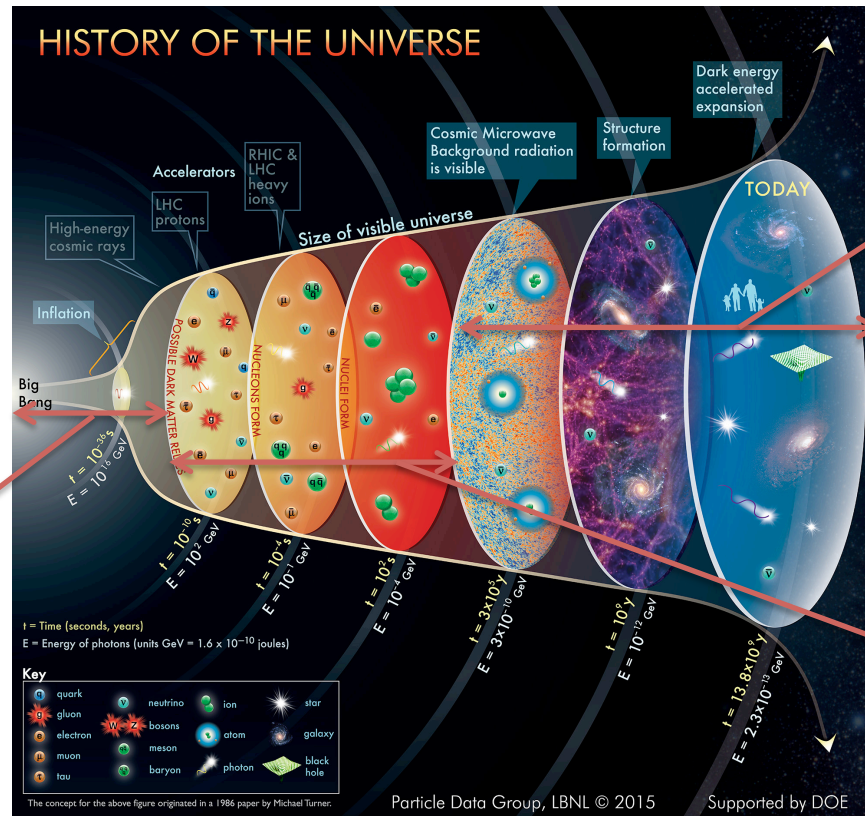
- “Planck will soon have observed all the modes in the CMB”
- “To learn about physics, the CMB game is over, LSS is the only way forward.”

# Future CMB will Probe Physics from here to the Highest Energies and Earliest Times

With CMB-S4  
and beyond,  
probe:

Inflation via  $r$  (target  $\sim 0.001$ )

[+spectral distortions, non-Gaussianity]



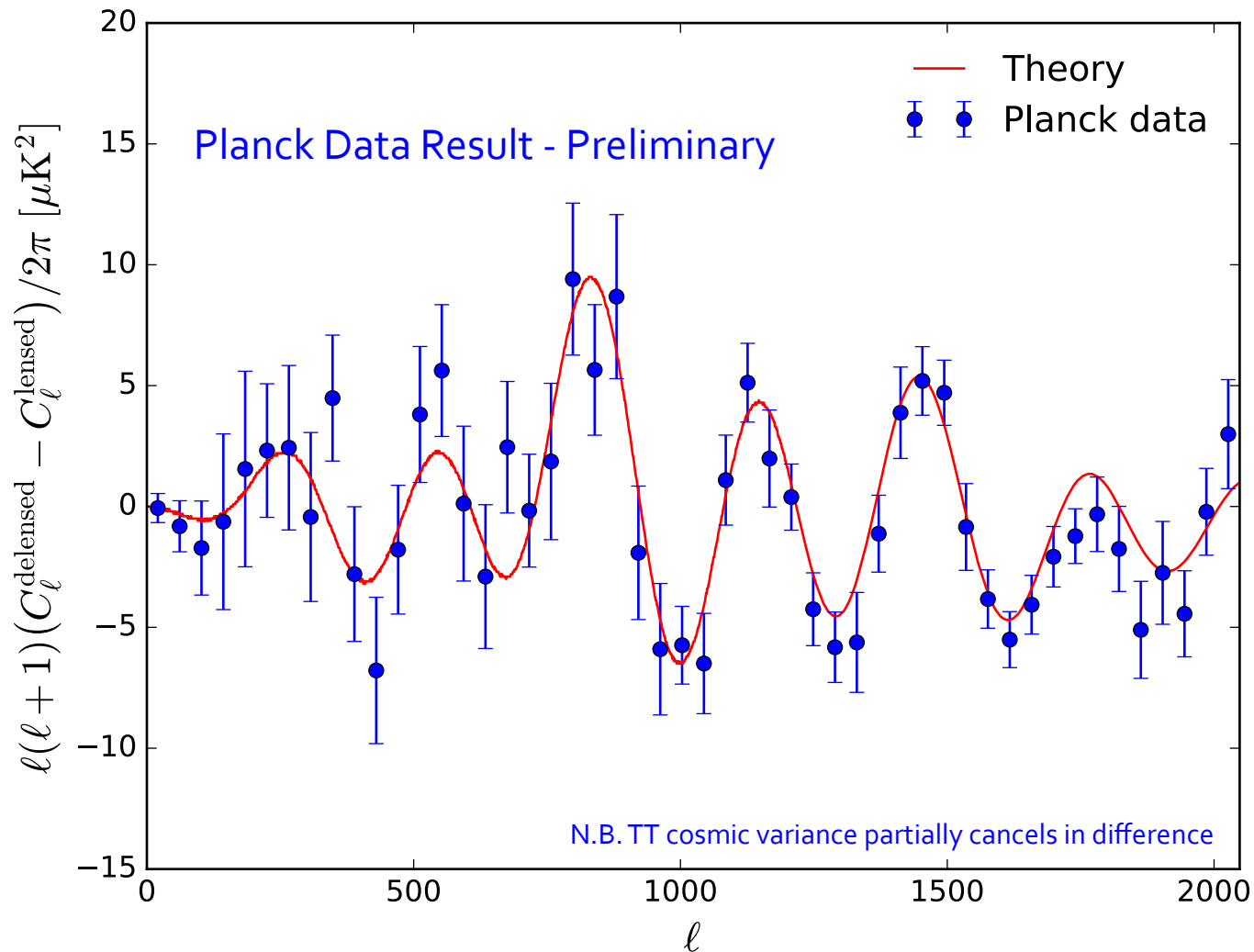
Neutrino Mass  
(target  $\sim 0.06\text{eV}$ )  
[and Dark Energy,  
cross-correlations]  
via Lensing

- Light relics via Neff (target  $\sim 0.03$ )

I think many of the most interesting areas  
of CMB physics are just beginning!

# Backup Slides

# Demonstrating Delensing: Difference of Lensed and Delensed Temp. Spectra



First demonstration of delensing in data!

# Lensing Measurement

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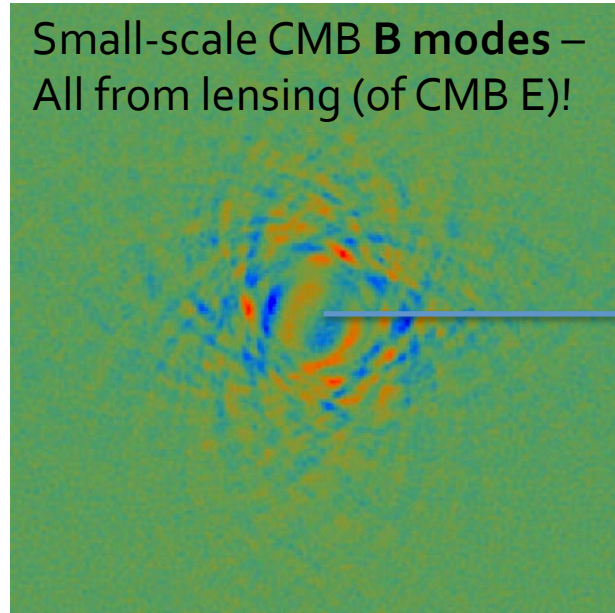
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$$\hat{d}(\mathbf{L}) \sim \int d\mathbf{l} E(\mathbf{l}) B^*(\mathbf{l} - \mathbf{L})$$

and polarization

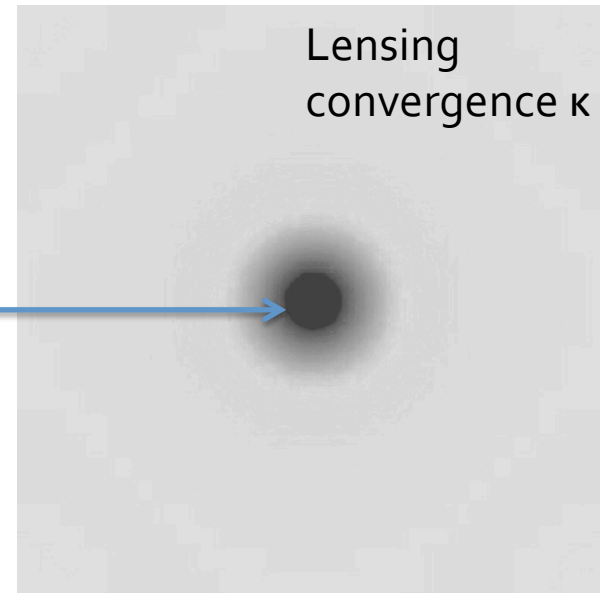


# Measuring CMB Lensing Convergence: An Approximate Picture



[Hu, Okamoto 2002]

overdensity  
induces B  
modes

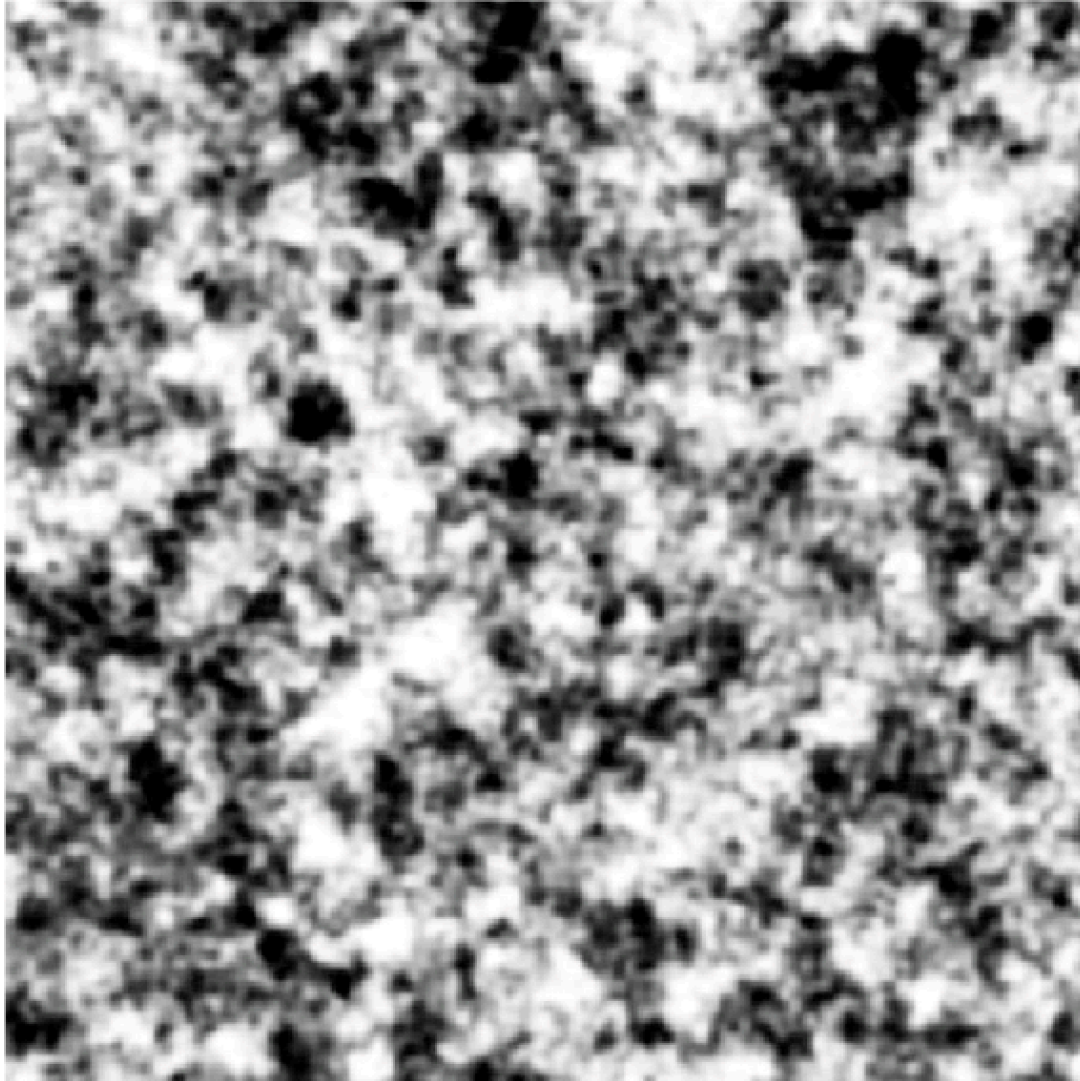


**look for lensing-induced correlations of E and B  
(delens, iterate, for higher signal-to-noise)**

# CMB Lensing Convergence Measurement

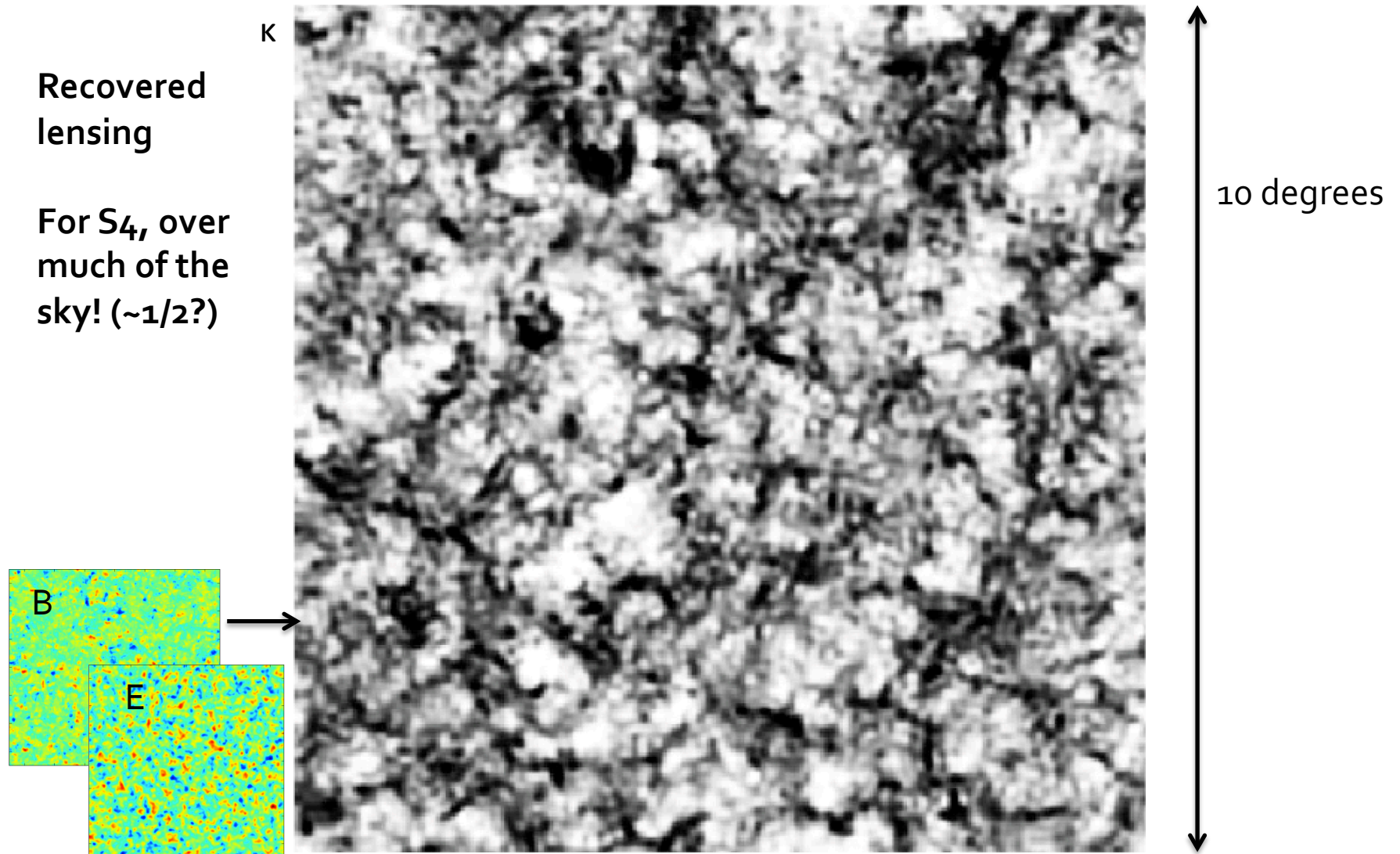
**True  
Lensing:**  
(Simulation  
input,  $1\mu\text{K}'$   
CMB noise)

K



10 degrees

# CMB Lensing Convergence Measurement



[pipeline: Sherwin++ in prep. 2016]